Bangladesh had confirmed that a full investigation would be carried out into all aspects of the incidents including the mutilation of the bodies of the BSF personnel.

Visit of Home Minister to Germany

352. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently paid a visit to Germany and held discussions on security issues;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Germany have decided to extend help to India in security issues; and

(d) if so, the details of terms and conditions fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Home Minister recently paid an official visit to Germany from 24.6.2001 to 27.6.2001. He held discussions with his counterparts on internal security issues and other matters of mutual interest. An Extradition Treaty between the Republic of India and the Federal Republic of Germany was signed on 27.6.2001 by the Home Minister on behalf of the Republic of India and Dr. Herta Daeubler-Gmelin, Federal Minister of Justice and Dr. Gunter Pleuger, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Germany.

Suspension of Border Fencing along Indo-Pak Border

353. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suspended plans to fence the international boundary with Pakistan in Jammu region in the recent past as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 14th May, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Pakistani forces have been trying to put hurdles in the fencing work;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) by when, fencing work will recommence and likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) No, Sir. Despite the attempts made by Pakistan side to disrupt and damage the fencing work being undertaken on Jammu International Border, construction work is progressing and expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Insurgency problem in Assam

354. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, "Insurgency continues to haunt Assam" published in the Newstime dated 28th May, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the newsitem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.